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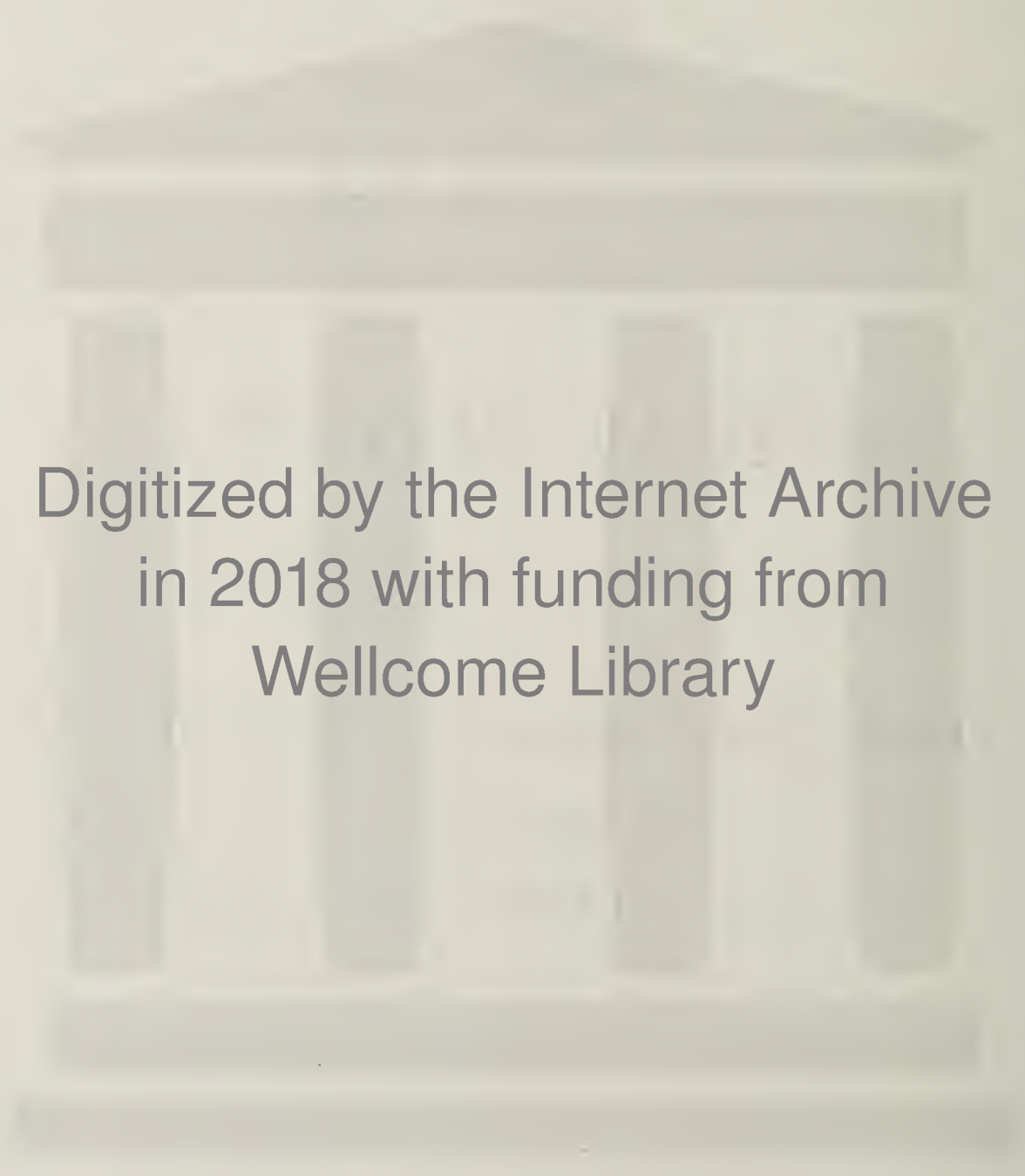
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Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Old Hill,
Staffs.

October, 1963.

To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors
for the Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentleman,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1962, in which is incorporated the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

It is seen from a study of the Vital Statistics that there has been only slight variation from the previous year. The Death Rate was 10.58 per 1,000 population (10.66 in 1961) and the Birth Rate was 14.50 per 1,000 population (13.61 in 1961). Thirteen infants under the age of twelve months died during the year, of these eight were four weeks old. The Infantile Mortality Rate i.e. the number of infants dying under the age of twelve months per 1,000 live births, was 18.28 (15.15 in 1961)

The average number of Illegitimate Births during the previous five years was fifteen - during 1962 thirty three were registered a rather serious and significant increase.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified during the year showed a marked decrease 145 as compared with 869 in 1961. This was mainly accounted for by the fact that there were only 39 cases of Measles (800 in 1961). There were no cases of Diphtheria or Poliomyelitis notified.

There were no cases of Smallpox in the Borough, although two cases occurred in neighbouring areas. The first case was a male Pakistani who arrived from Karachi at London Airport on the 19th December, 1961., and travelled to West Bromwich on the following day when he was taken ill. He subsequently moved between West Bromwich, Dudley, Darlaston, and Tipton before he attended a doctor's surgery in Tipton on December 28th. There he was seen by the Medical Officer of Health of Tipton and others, and was admitted to Moxley Isolation Hospital. A provisional diagnosis of Smallpox was made-this was later confirmed by biological examination and the man was transferred to Witton Hospital, Birmingham. Of all the many possible contacts of this case

only one - the Medical Officer of Health of Tipton who saw the man on the 28th December., developed Smallpox and was admitted to hospital on January 15th, 1962. All known contacts were vaccinated and kept under surveillance but fortunately no more cases occurred.

I should like to take this opportunity of once again putting on record my appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of, my Staff and of the help and consideration given by the members of the Council especially, those who serve on the Public Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

F. ASKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at 31st December, 1962.

Chairman: Alderman Mrs. Pritchard.

Vice-Chairman: Alderman S. Walker.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman B. Willetts, J.P., the Deputy Mayor Aldermen D. Gilbert, A. Westwood, Councillors J. Adams, J. Bastable, W.J. Biggs, E.S. Greenway, J. Hartland, Mrs. E. Matthews, J.T. Millington W.T. Salt, C. Williams. W. H. Walker.

MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

on the

ROWLEY REGIS AREA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Aldermen J. P. Pennington, J.P., Mrs. P. Pritchard, S. Walker, and Councillor D. Underhill, and C. Williams.

*Councillors A. J. Barker, C.C. and D. Harty

*Note: These members were appointed by the Staffordshire County Council.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

FRANK ASKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Chief Public Health Inspector:-

FREDERICK T. HARRISON, D.P.A. M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificates, Smoke Inspector's Certificate, Certificate of Institute of Sanitary Engineers, Royal Sanitary Institute Sanitary Science Certificate.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:-

LEONARD COOMBES, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspectors's Certificate.

Additional Public Health Inspector's :-

LASHFORD R. TURBIN, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate.

BASIL HORACE JOHN RICHARDS, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

ROBERT CHARLES KEEN, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

KENNETH F. WESTON, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, and Smoke Inspector's Certificate. Resigned July 1962.

Student Public Health Inspector's :-

Anthony N. Adams.
Patrick J. Lynch.

Clerks:

Miss D. Morgan, Chief Clerk.
Miss T. Shaw.
Miss B. Rawlings.
Miss P. Bowdler.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid year 1962)	49,030
Population (Census) 	49,409
Number of inhabited houses (at 31st December, 1962)	15,989
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1962) 	£596,086
Product of Penny Rate for the year 1962 - 1963	£ 2,458

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Although parts of the Tividale and Rowley Regis Wards are agricultural in character, the district is essentially an industrial one. The manufacture of iron goods, such as nails, rivets, tubes, shovels, chains and anchors, holloware, electrical fittings, being amongst the chief industries. A hard basaltic rock known as 'Rowley Rag' is quarried from the hills and is largely used for paving and channelling purposes.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	371	309	680
Illegitimate		...	8	23	31
			<u>379</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>711</u>
			====	=====	=====

*Birth Rate per 1,000 population 14.50

STILL BIRTHS: Male 7 Female 9 Total 16

Rate per 1,000 population 0.32

Rate per 1,000 live and still births ... 22.00

DEATHS:

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
289	230	519

*Death Rate per 1,000 population 10.58

Death from Puerperal causes NIL

Rate per 1,000 live and still births -

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

All Infants: 13 Legitimate: 11 Illegitimate: 2

Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births 18.28

Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate
live births 16.17

Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000
illegitimate live births 64.51

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

All Infants: 8 Legitimate: 6 Illegitimate: 2

*It will be apparent that the Birth and Death Rate of any area is bound to be influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that truer comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Birth and Death Rates are multiplied by a number called the "comparability factor" the result being known as the Corrected Birth or Death Rate. These "comparability factors" are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution of the population as shown by the census. For Rowley Regis they are as follows:-

Comparability Factor for births 0.95 and for deaths 1.39 and the corrected birth rate is 13.775 per 1,000 population, and the corrected death rate is 14.70 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from:-

Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Measles (all ages)	1
Diphtheria	0
Meningococcal Infection	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	1
Other infective parasitic diseases	0

BIRTHS

The total live births accredited to Rowley Regis during the year under review was 711 an increase of 51 on the preceding year. The birth rate for the area was 14.50 which figure is lower than that for the whole of the county (viz. 18.0). Of these 711 births, 31 were illegitimate 8 male and 23 female.

REGISTRAR - GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF CAUSES
of DEATH IN THIS AREA

Cause of Death	M	F	Total
ALL CAUSES	289	230	519
Tuberculosis Respiratory	3	1	4
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	1	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other Infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm stomach	8	7	15
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	25	5	30
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	8	9
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	20	25	45
Leukaemia, Aleukamia	2	-	2
Diabetes	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of the nervous system	36	44	80
Coronary Disease, Angina	49	37	86
Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	3	7
Other Heart Disease	43	38	81
Other Circulatory disease	6	13	19
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	17	19	36
Bronchitis	35	2	37
Other disease of the Respiratory system	3	2	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined disease	16	12	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	4
Suicide	6	1	7
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
All other accidents	2	4	6

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE DEATH RATE

519 deaths were recorded in Rowley Regis in 1962. The general rate showed a slight decrease, viz. 10.58 as compared with 10.66 in 1961. The highest number of deaths were attributable to the following causes:-

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation	174
Cancer	103
Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)	78
Diseases of the Nervous System	80

ABNORMAL SICKNESS OR MORTALITY

There has been no unusual excessive mortality during the year nor have the occupations or environment of the district had any demonstrably detrimental effect upon the public health.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and pathological examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, which is under the direction of Dr. A. E. Wright. Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Chemical Laboratory under the direction of A. Houlbrooke, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities

Ambulances are provided by the County Council for the transport of infectious and non-infectious cases. The service is free and available at any hour of the day or night.

Hospital Facilities.

There are no hospitals sited in the Borough so that the inhabitants have to use those situated in neighbouring areas. The chief ones are the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge; the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and the City of Birmingham Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases

The majority of cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to the Moxley Isolation Hospital, Wednesbury. No difficulty is experienced in removing cases.

Tuberculosis

The care and treatment of Tuberculosis is the responsibility of Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Clinics are held daily at Parsons Street, Dudley. Sanatoria are situated at Prestwood, Kinver and Himley.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

School Clinics and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics etc., are provided by the County Council and are held at Mace Street Clinic, Carlyle Road Clinic, and Elm Terrace Clinic.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

(a) Maternal Mortality. No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

(b) Infantile Mortality. 13 deaths were registered in children under 1 year 8 of which occurred under the age of 4 weeks. The infantile mortality rate of 18.28 was higher than the figure for 1961, which was 15.15.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 145 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1962., as compared with 869 in 1961. The following table shows the actual number of cases of the various types of diseases which were notified during the year together with the number after correction.

Disease	Number notified	Number after correction
Scarlet Fever	28	28
Whooping Cough	3	3
Poliomyelitis - Paralytic	-	-
Poliomyelitis - Non-paralytic	-	-
Measles	39	39
Diphtheria	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Pneumonia	6	6
Dysentery	8	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-
Food Poisoning	42	-
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	16	16
Tuberculosis - Non-respiratory	3	3

Smallpox: No cases occurred during the year.

SCARLET FEVER: There were 28 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year as compared with 18 cases in 1961. Two cases were removed to Hospital, the remainder being treated at home. The disease was of a mild type and there were no deaths. Cases are only removed to Hospital if they cannot be properly treated at home, or if there are reasons in the Public interest why they should be isolated in Hospital.

WHOOPING COUGH: There were 3 cases of whooping cough notified (21 in 1961) one of which was removed to Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease. 353 children were immunised against whooping cough during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS: No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district during the year.

MEASLES: There were 39 cases of measles notified during the year. (800 in 1961). There were no deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA: There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. There can be no doubt that this low incidence is the result of the vigorous immunisation that has been carried out during the past years.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION: This is carried out by the County Council either by their Medical Officers or by arrangement with medical practitioners. I am indebted to Doctor McLeannan, the Area Medical Officer for the following report and statistical tables showing the work carried out in Rowley Regis during 1962.

Compared with the figures for 1961 there is a tremendous increase in the number of persons vaccinated against smallpox, and this in itself is a cause for some decline in other figures since vaccination against smallpox caused cancellations or postponements of other immunisation procedures. The introduction early in 1962 of oral poliomyelitis vaccine and the use of triple antigen are undoubtedly causes of the reduced number of infants immunised against whooping cough in 1962 and to a less extent against diphtheria. Whereas infants were previously immunised against whooping cough during the early weeks of life, they now receive this protection combined with that against diphtheria and tetanus at the age of 9 - 12 months, after having had a course of vaccination against poliomyelitis. A course of oral poliomyelitis vaccine consists of three doses compared with the two injections of salk vaccine which were previously given as an initial course, and a course of triple antigen involves three injections against two injections which comprised a primary course of immunisation against diphtheria, so that the procedures are now spread over a longer period. The result is that by

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following the schedule of immunisation and vaccination adopted by the County Council consequent upon the introduction of triple antigen and oral poliomyelitis vaccine, infants do not now complete courses of protection against whooping cough and diphtheria at as early an age as previously, and figures for 1962, being the first year of these changes, are lower than what they might otherwise have been.

Records relating to poliomyelitis vaccination have only been kept on a district basis since 1st July, 1962, so that I am unable to give you complete figures for the year. I am, however, enclosing, for your information, a summary relating to the poliomyelitis vaccination in Rowley Regis during the period 1st July to 31st December, 1962.

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Rowley Regis.

For the year ending
31st December, 1962

Children born in years:-

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1953-57	1948-52	Total
Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) during the year ended 31st December, 1962.	59	163	9	4	1	2	-	238
Number of reinforcing injections	-	88	11	4	-	11	1	115

Smallpox Vaccination

For the year ending
31st December, 1962.

	Under 1	1	Age at Date of Vaccination			Total
			2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	
Number Vaccinated	98	239	327	1,037	1,761	3,462
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	15	204	1,085	1,304

Poliomyelitis Vaccinations

Rowley Regis.

For the six months ended
31st December, 1962.

Year of Birth	Salk Vaccine		Oral Vaccine	
	<u>Primary Course</u>		<u>Primary Course</u>	
	M	F	M	F
1962	1	2	35	30
1961	12	12	65	65
1943-1960	9	5	15	28
1933-1942	2	4	17	22
Previous to 1933	6	2	25	62
Total	30	25	157	207

No. of reinforcing doses.

<u>Salk Vaccine</u>				<u>Oral Vaccine</u>			
<u>3rd Injection</u>		<u>4th Injection</u>		<u>After 2 Salk</u>		<u>After 3 Salk</u>	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
269	185	6	8	241	238	9	13

TUBERCULOSIS: There were 16 notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 3 of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year as compared with 24 and 1 during 1961. There were 3 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (2 in 1961). The following table shows the new cases in the various age groups, and also deaths.

Age Periods Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	8	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
65 and over	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total	13	3	2	1	2	1	1	-

Home visiting of these cases is carried out by the County Council Health Visitors and copies of their reports are supplied to me.

Information as to any sanitary defect or overcrowding is contained in these reports which enables us to take any necessary action to abate them. Cases of overcrowding are reported through to the Housing Department with a recommendation re re-housing and wherever possible the Estates Management Committee have granted the tenancy of Council House. Close and effective co-operation exists between the Public Health Department and the Housing Department.

The following table shows the number of cases admitted to hospitals during the year:-

Name of Institution	Number of admissions	Number of discharges
Prestwood Sanatorium	16	21
Heath Lane Hospital	1	1

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF EMPLOYEES

During the year, 57 entrants to the Corporation's employment were examined as to fitness for inclusion in the Superannuation and Sick Pay Schemes.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951.

No persons were removed to hospital under the above Act during the year 1962.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the
Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My ninth Annual Report records steady progress in the fields of environmental hygiene and I respectfully recommend it for your consideration.

The cleansing services were maintained during the most severe weather conditions encountered for many years. With the exception of one or two hilly cul-de-sacs, it was possible to maintain a regular weekly collection for which many members of the public expressed their admiration. Complaints were few and far between and the Council can be well satisfied with the effects of their re-organisation of the service two years ago.

Thousands of tons of grit, road metal and accumulated dust were removed after the snow by re-organising the normal sweeping service into a gang, and without one additional employee or any extra cost to the Council. Thanks for this are due in a large measure to the work put in by your foreman, Mr. H. Thompson. Inevitably weed treatment for pavements and verges had to be postponed but this work is now in hand and the service is almost back to normal, a remarkable achievement.

Slum clearance work is proceeding steadily. Several blocks of property are awaiting demolition and are being held up by one or two tenants who for one reason or another have refused an offer of alternative accommodation. This problem is not confined to our area alone but it is one which Councils must tackle with vigour and determination, and at once, to avoid dangerous conditions due to vandalism and unsightly areas of derelict property.

May I offer my sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement and to the Medical Officer of Health, Chief Officers and members of my staff for their co-operation and help during the past year.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. T. HARRISON,

Chief Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

- (i) The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and is satisfactory in both (a) quantity and (b) quality.

This water is supplied to the Company in bulk from Birmingham, where the principal source of supply is obtained from the gathering ground of the rivers Elan and Claerwen in Mid-Wales.

- (ii) There is a piped water supply throughout the district except as follows:-

117-118, Corngreaves Road, Cradley Heath.

The following samples were taken by the Department:-

117, Corngreaves Road	2 Chemical	Satisfactory
(Well)	2 Bacteriological	2 Unsatisfactory
Municipal Buildings,		
Old Hill.	1 Chemical	Satisfactory
(Mains)	1 Bacteriological	Satisfactory

- (iii) The water is not of an acidic nature; and

- (iv) No action for contamination was necessary.

- (v) The Public water mains supply direct is as follows:

(a)	Houses	...	...	...	...	15,989
(b)	Population	...	...	...	...	49,030
	By means of standpipes	...	...	...	...	NIL

OPEN AIR SWIMMING BATHS

Haden Hill Park: Fill and Empty Bath, water changed weekly from the public supply during the summer months. Manual chlorination. Although carefully supervised, this type of bath is unsatisfactory from a Public Health standpoint.

32 Lovibond Comparator tests gave 28 satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory results.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The greater part of the sewage passes down the Upper Stour Valley Main Sewerage Board's sewers, and is dealt with on the land irrigation principle at Whittington, Near Stourbridge, the effluent being discharged into the River Stour.

A small sewage disposal works is in use at Tividale, the effluent being discharged into a tributary of the Tame.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

No pollution was reported during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

There are 35 cesspools within the Borough and these are emptied regularly by a gully emptier from the Borough Surveyor's Department.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

For the whole of the year the service has run smoothly and efficiently with almost no complaints from members of the Public and no labour troubles. It would appear that your employees are on the whole a contented team, and it is to be hoped that this state of affairs will continue.

STATISTICS

Round Number and District	Vehicle	Number of Bins	Number of Pails	Trade Bins collected during Financial year 1962-63
Number 1. Old Hill.	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1961.	2,811	-	3,621
Number 2. Cradley Heath	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Petrol 1952.	2,793	8	6,423
Number 3. Blackheath.	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1959.	2,812	1	2,659
Number 4. Tividale	Fore and Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1957.	3,003	13	1,235
Number 5. Rowley.	Fore & Aft Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1955.	2,834	19	1,365
Number 6. Springfield.	Fore & Aft Bulk Loader. Shelvoke & Drewry Diesel 1962.	2,926	10	1,144
Totals 		17,179	51	16,447

Spare Vehicles: Two side loaders, Shelvoke & Drewry, Petrol 1948 and 1951.

Tip Work: One County Crawler - 1958.

Salvage Collection: Thames Trader 1962.

Street Sweeping: S.S.C. Lewin Sweeper - Diesel - 1956.
Lewin Sweepmaster - Diesel - 1960.
Two Litta Snatchas - Petrol

Sanitary Services: Austin Van - 1952.

Ford 5 cwt. Thames (3) 1957, 1959 and 1959.

Employees: Foreman and Clerk.

Six Refuse Freighter Drivers.

Eighteen Refuse Loaders.

One Tipman.

One Driver and One Collector - Salvage - Females.

One Rodent Operative.

One Attendant - Public Sanitary Conveniences.

Two Drivers - Mechanical Sweepers.

Seven Roadsweepers - Manual.

One Paper Baler and General Duties.

One Mortuary Attendant - Part time.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

	1961-62	1962-63
Area (statute acres)	3,793	3,793
Population (Est. 30th June, 1962) (Registrar General Estimate)	48,460	49,030
Total refuse collected (Tons) estimated ...	13,755	11,963
	(ACTUAL)	(TEST WEIGHING)
Weight (cwts) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year)	15.55	13.36
Number of premises from which refuse is collected	16,168	16,615
Average haul (miles) by <u>collection</u> vehicle to disposal point (single journey)	2 1/4	2 1/4
Total refuse disposal of	14,033 Tons	12,684 Tons
Methods of disposal (salvage excluded) :-		
Controlled tipping	100%	100%

SALVAGE AND TRADE REFUSE

	Tonnage		Income	
	1961-1962	1962-1963	1961-1962	1962-1963
Waste Paper	259	288	£2,102	£2,115
Trade Refuse				
(a) Collected	348	428)	£652	£948
(b) Disposal only	278	546)		
Totals	885	1,009	£2,754	£3,063

COST STATEMENT

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Year	Net Cost	Cost per 1,000 Population	Cost per 1,000 Premises	Remarks
1961-1962	£30,192	£623	£1,827	
1962-1963	£32,530	£663	£1,958	

PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

	1961-1962	1962-1963
Number of Bins renewed	1,297	1,526
Provided to New Corporation Houses	90	93
Net Cost as charge on the Rates	£2,521	£3,143
Equivalent Rate Charge	1.07d.	1.28d.

STATISTICS - STREET CLEANSING

Particulars	Street Sweeping and Watering	
	1962 - 1963	1961 - 1962
	£	£
GROSS EXPENDITURE		
(i) Labour	5,734	5,716
(ii) Transport ...	3,310	3,809
(iii) Plant, equipment, building &c.	251	101
(iv) Other items ...	118	210
INCOME - NIL		
NET COST	9,413	9,836
UNIT COSTS	£	£
Net cost per street mile ...	147	156
Net cost per 1,000 population	192	203

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

During the year 1961 - 1962 £2,902 has been spent on public conveniences and much more is needed to keep these places tidy and in a reasonable state of decoration. Malicious damage was not considerable during the year, but vandalism still occurs from time to time.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

A. THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR, 1962.

HOUSES

UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Houses where no defects were found to exist	62
Houses where defects were found to exist	348

<u>HOUSES INSPECTED UNDER HOUSING ACTS</u>	403
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RENT ACT, 1957.

Number of houses inspected for Certificates of Disrepair	4
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TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES inspected during the year 1962 	817
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TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE 	3,229
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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Nature	Number of Inspections made
Visits for offences under Shop Act (Closing Hours)	96
Drains	533
Public Sanitary Conveniences	226
Slaughterhouses	1,609
Foodstores	913
Piggeries	18
Factories and Outworkers	124
Bakehouses	22
Licensed Premises	164
Van Dwellings	704
Carbide Stores	6
Petroleum Stores	346
Smoke & Atmospheric Pollution	1,101
Infectious Diseases	97
Pet Animals Act	8
Cinemas	45
Rag Flock Act	10
Wells & Water Supplies	12
Food Poisoning (Suspected)	8
Burial of the Dead	6

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Nature		Number of Inspection made
Houses in Multi-occupation	...	41
Watercourses	...	51
Ice-Cream Stores	...	37
Canteens, Cafes & Restaurants	...	134
Cellulose Stores	...	38
Street Cleansing	...	527
Water & Sewage in Cellars	...	49
Refuse Tips & Depots	...	762
Mortuaries	...	50
Survey under Housing Acts	...	151
Persons in Need of Care & Attention	..	36
Accumulations	...	124
Miscellaneous	...	892
Markets & Food Stalls	...	211
Public Cleansing	...	72
Schools	...	8
Swimming Baths	...	5
Stables, Animals & Birds	...	6
Dirty Premises	...	18
Noise	...	182
INTERVIEWS WITH OWNERS, BUILDERS, ETC.		1,641

COMPLAINTS

Total Number of Complaints received during 1962		406
Common Lodging Houses	...	Nil

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1962

Nature of defects or nuisances	Total number of defects remedied
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DWELLING HOUSE :

<u>External</u>	Roof	ooo	ooo	133
	Walls	ooo	ooo	49
	Chimneys	ooo	ooo	-
	Stability	ooo	ooo	61
	Paving	ooo	ooo	2
	Accumulations	ooo	ooo	21
<u>Internal</u>	Ceilings	ooo	ooo	18
	Walls	ooo	ooo	36
	Floors	ooo	ooo	36
	Fittings	ooo	ooo	143
	Stairs	ooo	ooo	8
	Dampness	ooo	ooo	19
	Water supply	ooo	ooo	24
	Dirty Rooms	ooo	ooo	27
	Miscellaneous	ooo	ooo	4
	Repairs	ooo	ooo	161
<u>Drains & W.C.'s</u>	Obstructions	ooo	ooo	252
	Additional W.C's	...	...	4
	Provided	ooo	ooo	2
	Refuse Storage	ooo	ooo	2

FACTORIES :

Roofs	ooo	ooo	2
Paving	ooo	ooo	1
Dust, Grit & Smoke	ooo	ooo	7
Drainage Obstructions	...	...	34
& Repairs	ooo	ooo	7
Noise Nuisances	ooo	ooo	2
Additional W.C's	...	...	3
Provided	ooo	ooo	
Miscellaneous	ooo	ooo	

SHOPS & FOODSTORES :

<u>External</u>	Roof	ooo	ooo	11
	Walls	ooo	ooo	2

SHOPS AND FOODSTORES (Continued)

<u>Internal</u>	Ceilings	...	...	18
	Walls	...	...	18
	Floors	...	...	21
	Fittings	...	...	8
	Dampness	...	...	1
	Stability	...	...	1
	Light & Ventilation	...	...	5
	Water Supply	...	...	12
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	67
	Accumulations	...	...	17
	Dust & Grit Protection	...	...	21
	Refuse Storage facilities	...	...	5
	Wash Hands Notices	...	...	2
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	8
	Cloakroom	...	...	1
	Contraventions of Food			
	Hygiene Regulations	...	...	50
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	32
	Drainage Obstructions	...	...	9
	Stairs	...	...	1
	Dirty Utensils	...	...	2

FOOD PREPARATION, BAKEHOUSE,
CANTEENS & RESTAURANTS

<u>External</u>	Roof	...	...	1
<u>Internal</u>	Ceilings	...	...	1
	Walls	...	...	15
	Floors	...	...	4
	Fittings	...	...	2
	Light & Ventilation	...	...	1
	Water Supply	...	...	12
	Contraventions of Food			
	Hygiene Regulations	...	...	17
	Dust & Grit Protection	...	...	4
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	19
	Accumulations	...	...	2
	Dirty Utensils	...	...	1
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	6
	Refuse Storage Facilities	...	...	1
	Wash Hands Notices	...	...	2
	Cloakrooms	...	...	2
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	4
	Drainage Obstructions	...	...	2
	Cooking & Preparing Rooms			
	(Insufficient)	...	...	1

LICENSED PREMISES :

<u>External</u>	Roof	...	...	4
	Walls	...	...	2
	Paving	...	...	2
	Stability	...	...	1
<u>Internal</u>	Walls	...	...	6
	Floors	...	...	7
	Ceilings	...	...	5
	Dampness	...	...	3
	Fittings	...	...	3
	Light & Ventilation		...	5
	Water Supply	...	...	5
	Contraventions of Food			
	Hygiene Regulations		...	15
	Dirty Rooms	...	...	26
	Dust & Grit Protection		...	1
	First Aid Outfit	...	...	4
	Additional W.C's	...	...	3
	Drainage Repairs	...	...	44
	Drainage Obstructions		...	11
	Accumulations	...	...	2
	Dirty Utensils	...	...	1

PETROL STORES :

Defective pumps	...	...	4
Defective hoses	...	...	4
Defective vent pipes		...	8
Defective electrical appliances			1
Defective Limiters	...		1
Insufficient fire extinguishers			32
NO SMOKING notices	...		25
Disused tanks made safe	...		3

CELLULOSE STORES :

Insufficient fire extinguishers			4
NO SMOKING notices	...		1

CINEMAS :

Accumulations	...	...	1
Defective floors	...	...	1
Inadequate lighting		...	8
Sanitary Conveniences		...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	2
Roof	...	...	1
Defective Fire Escape	...	...	1

Nature of defects or nuisances

Total number of
defects remedied

CARAVANS :

Occupying land without a licence

72

PIGGERIES & STABLES :

Roof

1

Walls

1

B. - THE NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

DURING THE YEAR 1962

(Distinguishing Statutory from Informal)

INFORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1961	171
FORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1961	18
INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1962	634
FORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1962	46
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	869
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C. - THE RESULT OF THE SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICES

INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1962 which were outstanding 31st December, 1961	130
INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1962 which were served during the year	462
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1962 which were outstanding 31st December, 1961	18
FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1962 which were served during the year	33
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	643
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TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTICES on the books
31st December, 1962

FORMAL	13
INFORMAL	213
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					226
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NUMBER OF Dwellinghouses in the district	15,989
NUMBER of back-to-back houses included above	18
1. <u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year 1961</u>			
(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	813
(b) Number of inspection made for the purpose	...	...	3,217
(2) (a) Number inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations			151
(b) Inspections made for the purpose	...		1,710
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			151
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	348
2. <u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices</u>			
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officer	...	...	309
3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>			
(a) Proceeding under Sections 9, 10 and 12 Housing Act, 1957 :-			
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs			NIL
(2) Dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	...	...	NIL

(b) Proceeding under the Public Health Acts -

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of
which notices were served requiring
repairs

37

(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered
fit after service of formal notices
during 1962 or notices previously
outstanding

(a) By Owners ...

46

(b) By Local Authority in default
of Owners ...

(c) Proceedings under Section 16, 17 and 23
Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of
which demolition Orders were made

17

(2) Number of Dwellinghouses demolished in
pursuance of Demolition Orders

21

(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished as
a result of informal procedure under
Section 16 and 17

(4) Number of dwellinghouses demolished
being certified as unfit by the
Medical Officer of Health

(5) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of
which Closing Orders were served

1

(6) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance
of Closing Order or Undertakings give

2

(7) Number of dwellinghouses for which
undertakings to render houses fit were
submitted and accepted by Council

1

(8) Number of dwellinghouses made fit on
undertakings accepted by th Council

3

(9) Number of undertakings not to use unfit
houses for human habitation accepted

(10) Back-to-back houses converted to one
and Demolition Orders revoked

4

(d) Proceedings under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 :-

(1) Number of separate tenements or under-
ground rooms in respect of which
Closing Orders were made

NIL

(2) Number of separate tenements or under-
ground rooms in respect of which
Closing Orders were determined the
tenement or room having been rendered
fit

NIL

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

Part A = CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Acts 1936/57)

	Number of dwelling- houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced	Number of families
	Unfit Houses	Other Houses		
(1) Land coloured "Pink"	64		181	70
(2) Land coloured "Grey"		5		

PART B - HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

	Number of		Number of Families
	Houses	Persons displaced	
DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS			
(1) Housing Act, 1957:			
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under section 17 (1)	21	116	44
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an under- taking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force	1	4	1
(c) Number of dwellinghouses closed on undertaking to convert back-to-back houses into through houses 	-	-	-
(d) Back-to-back houses converted to one and demolition orders revoked	4	-	-
(e) Houses made fit in pursuance of under takings	3	-	-
(f) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Order made (Section 17) 	1	1	1
(g) Local Authority owned houses certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health and demolished	-	-	-

32.

The following seven Clearance Areas were represented during 1962.

Name of Area	Addresses	Number of Houses
<u>Club Buildings No 2.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Club Buildings, Nos. 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20.	17
<u>Garratts Lane No 1.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Garratts Lane, Nos. 2,3,4,5,6,	5
<u>Garratts Lane No 2.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Garratts Lane, Nos. 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, 16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24, 25,26,27,28,29,30.	23
<u>Lion Road No 1.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Lion Road. Nos. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,	7
<u>Lion Road No 2.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Lion Road. Nos. 18,19,20,21,22,23,24, 25,26	9
<u>Powke Lane No 4.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Powke Lane. Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,	12
	Holly Road. Nos. 16,17,18,19.	
<u>Rowley Village No 7.</u> <u>1962.</u>	Rowley Village. Nos. 47a,48,49,50,51,52,56, 57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,66, 67,68,69,70,71,78,79,80,81, 82,83,84,84a,85,86,88.	
	Sivitters Lane. Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11.	
	Church Road. Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,	57

130

Individual Unfit Houses

Demolition order were made in the following cases deferred from 1961:-

Providence Street, 1,2,3,4,12,13,14.
Cradley Heath.

Duke Street, 46..
Blackheath.

8

Demolition Order made during 1962.

Haysech 1.

Queen Street, 1,2.
Old Hill.

Rowley Village 32,33,34.

Portway Hill 140,142,144.

9

Houses represented during 1962 Demolition Orders deferred.

Halesowen Road, 103,104,105.
Old Hill.

Dudley Road West, 111,115.
Tividale.

Spring Meadow, 9,10,11,12,13,14.
Old Hill.

11

Closing Order substituted for Demolition Order.

Reddal Hill Road, 51,
Old Hill.

1

Undertaking accepted to render house fit.

High Street, 64.
Blackheath.

The following houses were demolished during 1962:-

In Clearance Areas

Dudley Road, Springfield	Nos. 47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54, 58,59.
Elbow Street.	Nos. 20,21.
Halesowen Road.	Nos. 298,299,300,301,302.
Peartree Street.	Nos. 40,41,41a,42,63,65.
Perry's Lake.	Nos. 20,21,22,22a,23,26,27,28, 29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37.
Reddal Hill Road.	Nos. 129,131,132,133.
Springfield Lane.	Nos. 81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88, 89.
Tippity Green.	Nos. 26,27,28,29,30,31,32,35,36, 37,38.

64

In GREY LANDS Purchased adjoining Clearance Areas.

Dudley Road, Springfield.	Nos. 55,56,57.
Springfield Lane.	Nos. 80,90.

5

Individual Unfit Houses

Birmingham Road.	Nos. 4,5.
Brook Lane.	Nos. 23,24.
Corngreaves Road.	Nos. 56,56a,57.
Darby Hill.	No. 116.
Dudley Road West.	Nos. 64,66,68.
Forge Lane.	No. 75.
King Street, Cradley Heath	Nos. 15,16,17,18.

Individual Unfit Houses. (continued)

Lodgefield Road Nos. 21,22.

Waterfall Lane. Nos. 77.

Woods Lane. Nos. 34,35.

21

Other Action taken during 1962.

Houses Closed

Closing Order - 68, High Street,
Blackheath.

Undertaking not
to re-let - 105, Powke Lane,
Blackheath.

2

Houses made fit in pursuance of Undertakings

Waterfall Lane - Nos 21,22,23.

Back-to-Back Houses converted to one
and Demolition Orders Revoked.

Newtown Lane. Nos. 14 & 15, 16 & 17.

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRESS SUMMARY

Programme Year	Houses	Re-housed	Demolished
<u>FIRST YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	80	80	78
Individual Unfit Houses	29	28	28
Houses in pre 1955 action	70	67	62
<u>SECOND YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	71	69	68
Individual Unfit Houses	72	72	67
<u>THIRD YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	132	127	110
Individual Unfit Houses	95	94	79
<u>FOURTH YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	128	89	43
Individual Unfit Houses	56	42	18
<u>FIFTH YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	75	12	4
Individual Unfit Houses	87	69	27
<u>SIXTH YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	128	1	-
Individual Unfit Houses	11	1	1
<u>SEVENTH YEAR:</u>			
Clearance Areas	130	-	-
Individual Unfit Houses	21	5	-
Totals	1185	756	585
31st December, 1962.			

RENT ACT, 1957.

1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

PART I - APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

1.	Number of applications for certificates	...	...	2
2.	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	...		NIL
3.	Number of decisions to issue certificates	...	...	2
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...		NIL
	(b) in respect of all defects	...	...	2
4.	Number of undertakings given by Landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	2
5.	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule			NIL
6.	Number of Certificates issued	...	...	NIL

PART II - APPLICATIONS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

7.	Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	NIL
8.	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates			NIL
9.	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	...	...	NIL
10.	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	NIL

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation has been carried out at twenty-six houses:
for wasps (9) ants (12) cockroaches (1) silverfish (1)
woodworm (3)

Visits made concerning the above	...	...	21
Inspections for tenancy allocations of Council houses	...	...	346

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of in- spections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	1	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	406	122	32	2
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	14	1	-	-
TOTALS	433	124	32	2.

2. CASES WHERE DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
a. Insufficient	2	-	-	-	2
b. Unsuitable or defective	48	26	-	-	2
c. Not separate for sexes	10	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	12	2	-	-	-
TOTALS	72	28	-	-	4

PART VIII of the ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134.)

	SECTION 110		SECTION 111	
	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
Iron and steel cables and chains	1	2	-	-
Carding of buttons etc.,	4	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	2	-	-

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

FOOD PREMISES

Number in the Borough of:

(1)	Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	53
(2)	Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	9
(3)	Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	30
(4)	Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	3
(5)	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	26
(6)	Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	9
(7)	Grocers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	115
(8)	Sweet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	35
(9)	Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	128
(10)	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	51
(11)	Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	11
(12)	Sweet Manufacturers...	...	...	...	...	...	3
(13)	Mineral Water Depots	...	...	...	...	...	2

475

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955.

(1)	Ice-Cream Retailers	...	...	...	...	222
(2)	Ice-Cream Manufacturers (Cold Mix)	...	...	...	...	1
(3)	Sausage etc. Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	4
(4)	Cooked Meat Preparers	...	...	...	...	17
(5)	Fish Frying	...	...	...	...	22
(6)	Potatoe Crisp Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	1

MEAT INSPECTION

Twenty three slaughtermen's licences were renewed during the year.

Only six slaughterhouses are now in use, in the Borough and these have been virtually rebuilt with all the necessary equipment installed to bring them up to the standard required. They are sufficient for the needs of the district and are a tremendous improvement on the previous facilities, in fact they are models of there kind and a credit to local butchers.

Meat Inspection continues to occupy a considerable amount of working time, but it is a service which is being done efficiently and with the protection of the consumer as the prime target. Standards are always contentious in spite of the guidance of Memo 3 and all Inspectors will be gratified when the new regulations become law, possibly with statutory national standards of inspection and fitness.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	1,217	47	68	5,981	2,604	9,917
Number inspected	1,217	47	68	5,981	2,604	9,917
ALL diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcasses surrendered	-	1	-	6	2	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	214	6	-	90	468	778
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis	17.6	14.9	-	1.6	17.9	7.9
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses surrendered	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	1	-	-	-	32	33
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.08	-	-	-	1.2	.3
Cysticercosis:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was surrendered	9	1	-	-	-	10
Carcasses submitted to refrigeration	9	1	-	-	-	10
Generalized and totally condemned	1	-	-	-	-	1

CATTLE OTHER THAN COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	O
Tuberculosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abscessess	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-
Pentastomum	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Bruising	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Echinococcus	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-
C. Bovis	1	5	1	6	1	1	2	1
Sarcospridia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Actinomycosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actinobacillosis	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemangiobmata	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Melanosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	11	18	7	79	2	2	2

C = Carcases

H & T = Head and Tongue

L = Lungs

H = Heart

Lv = Liver

I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries

K = Kidneys

O = Other parts

COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

Diseases	C	H & T	L	H	Lv	I & M	K	U	O
Abscesses	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Septic Gangrenous Mastitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-
Fatty Infiltration	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
C. Bovis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	1	2	5	1	2	1	-

C = Carcasses

H & T = Head and Tongue

L = Lungs

H = Heart

Lv = Liver

I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries

K = Kidneys

U = Udders

O = Other parts

CALVES

Diseases : Nil.

SHEEP

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	O
Bruising	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
Fascioliasis	-	-	-	-	72	-	-
Oedema	1	1	1	1	1	2	-
Emaciation	4	4	4	4	4	2	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Echinococcus	-	-	3	-	5	-	-
Tenuicollis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	6	6	9	6	85	6	7

C = Carcases
 H = Head
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 K = Kidneys
 O = Other parts

PIGS

Diseases	C	H	L	H	Lv	K	I	O
Tuberculosis	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia and Congestion	-	-	378	-	-	-	-	-
Pleurisy	-	-	64	-	-	-	-	-
Pericarditis	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
Necrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
Necrosis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Swine Fever	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	-
Abscesses	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bruising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	2	37	444	47	39	4	2	3

C = Carcasses
 H = Heads
 L = Lungs
 H = Hearts
 Lv = Livers
 K = Kidneys
 I = Intestines
 O = Other parts.

Year	Tuberculosis discovered in Percentages		
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Pigs
1954	5.3	28.0	2.2
1955	5.1	17.9	1.7
1956	5.1	20.1	1.9
1957	3.0	22.3	2.2
1958	2.9	12.0	4.9
1959	2.5	3.5	1.7
1960	.7	NIL	1.9
1961	.27	4.4	1.8
1962	.08	NIL	1.2

WEIGHT OF MEAT SURRENDERED

		<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs</u>	<u>lbs</u>
BEEF:	Carcase Meat	...	11	0	5
	Offal	...	13	1	3
MUTTON:	Carcase Meat	...	1	2	22
	Offal	...	1	2	14½
PORK:	Carcase Meat	...	2	1	2
	Offal (including Heads)		10	3	1½
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		2	0	2	20
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UNFIT FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN BUTCHERS MEAT

SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED

						lbs.
Tinned Fish	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	<u>14½</u>
Tinned Fruit	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	263¼
Tinned Meat	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	516¾
Tinned Milk	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	45
Tinned Soup	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o o	o o o o	4¾
Tinned Vegetables	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	55¼
Tinned Puddings	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	6¾
Butchers Meat	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	1210
Livers	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	75
Kidneys	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	10
Rabbits	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	25
Fat	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	20
Chickens	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	95
Jars of Honey	o o o o	o o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	28
Frozen Fish	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	79¼
Frozen Meat	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	57½
Frozen Vegetables	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	33
Frozen Chickens	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	o o o o	60
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						<u>2,598¾</u>

MILK SUPPLY

The following licences have been granted:-

Dealers Licences, Pasteurised	10
Dealers Licences, Sterilised	...	...	148

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING 1962

The County Council, acting for and on behalf of the Borough took 256 samples of food as shown below:-

<u>MILK</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
Pasteurised	11	-
Sterilised	9	-
T. T. Pasteurised	12	-
	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>GENERAL FOODS</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. Adulterated</u>
	224	12

ACTION TAKEN ON UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Chemical Food B.P.C.	Informal	10% Deficient of iron. 14% Deficient of calcium	Manufacturers explanation accepted. Very old stock
2. Buttercream Flapjacks	Formal	Filling should have been wholly Butter fat but contained only 39.2%	Designation changed to 'Devon Flap-Jacks'
3. Buttercream Flapjacks	Formal	Filling should have been wholly Butter fat but contained only 44.2%	Designation changed to 'Devon Flap-Jacks'
4. Chemical Food B.P.C.	Formal	10% Deficient of minimum required calcium	Manufacturers explanation accepted. Very old stock
5. Sliced Braised Beef	Formal	Contained 50.8% meat instead of not less than 95% Should have been described as containing gravy	To await decision of Conference between C.C.A and A.M.C on Standards.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Action</u>
6. Sponge Drops Butter Cream filling	Formal	Cream like Filling Contained no butter fat.	Cautioned.
7. Pork Dripping	Formal	Contained non permiss- ed colouring matter	Matter taken up with Man- ufacturers. It is know that (Colour Orange R.N.) may have an impurity of which the Man- ufacturers would be unaware.
8. Mermallow	Formal	Contained no butter fat and therefore mixture of sample with margarine would not result in the production of Butter cream	Labels amended
9. Whole Pickling Spice	Formal	Infested with a slight degree of liv- ing mites	Old Stock. Withdrawn from sale
10. Stewed Steak	Informal	Contained 68.7% instead of 75% of meat.	Awaiting results of food Standards Committee.
11. Stewed Mutton	Formal	Coaptains 89.6% instead of 95% of meat	Awaiting results of Food Standards Committee.
12. Cooked Pork Collar	Formal	Contained 76% instead of 80% should have been described as "Cooked Pork Collar in Jelly"	Labels Amended.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following particulars of the examination of milk samples taken during the year:-

Bacteriological Test -

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	47	-
Tuberculin Tested (Raw)	26	-
Pasteurised	86	-
Sterilised	31	-
	<u>190</u>	

FOOD POISONING

There were no outbreaks or confirmed cases of food poisoning during the year.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM Etc.,

The following licences have been granted:-

		<u>Premises</u>	<u>Gallons</u>		
Petroleum Spirit	....	105	162,725		
Rubber Solvent	....	1	1,000		
Rubber Solution	....	2	102		
Cellulose Paint & Mixtures		15	1,685		
		<u>123</u>	<u>165,512</u>		
Carbide of Calcium	....	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs</u>
		3	1	6	0

PUBLIC MORTUARY

A total of 46 bodies were admitted during 1962. The cost of this service for the financial year 1961 - 62 is given below:-

	£
Labour 	99
Building Maintenance 	75
Installation of Cold Room 	535
Rates and Loan Charges 	63
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THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

Eleven samples were taken during the year and all were found to be satisfactory.

ABATEMENT OF NOISE NUISANCE

The noise level meter continues to prove very useful in assessing and demonstrating the intensity of nuisance to complainants and industrialists.

This work has increased considerably and the following action has been taken to reduce nuisance:-

- 1.) Noisy water pump repaired.
- 2.) Shot Blasting exhaust modified.
- 3.) Iron Foundry - Night Shift discontinued.
- 4.) Polishing Barrels, encased in sound-proof chamber.
- 5.) Noise from scrap iron handling reduced and ball method of breaking scrap, discontinued.

- 6.) Extractor fan to grinding plant, modified.
- 7.) Music from Dance Hall - doors kept closed.

HOUSES IN MULTI-OCCUPATION

The Housing Act, 1961, among other things enables a Local Authority to improve houses in Multi-Occupation by the reduction of overcrowding and provision of extra facilities. The Act bristles with difficulties but fortunately the problem of this type of property is not so acute in this as it is in adjoining Boroughs.

We are successfully dealing with four such houses in the manner provided for by the Act.

PROSECUTIONS 1962.

Public Health Act, 1936.

	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Result</u>
1. Section 39	House repairs	Fined £3 14 days Nuisance Order. Daily penalty £2.
2. Section 58	Instability (House)	Withdrawn on payment of costs. Work done.
3. Section 93	House Repairs	Nuisance Order granted 28 days. Advocates fee £2.2.0d. Court Costs 4/-s.
4. Section 277	Failure to give details of Ownership	Fined £2
5. Section 93	House defects	Withdrawn on payment of costs. Work Done.
6. Section 277	Failure to give details of ownership	Fined £2 Advocates fee £3.3.0d.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

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| 7. Sections 2 & 113 | Razor blade in Bread Roll | Fined £20. Costs £3.3.0.d. |
| 8. Section 2 | Fungus in Milk Bottle | Fined £20. Advocates Fee £3.3.0d. |
| 9. Section 2 | Dirt in Breadloaf | Fined £20 Advocates fee £4.4.0d. |
| 10. Section 2 | Wasp in Breadloaf | Fine £10 advocates Fee £4.4.0.d. |

Factories Act 1961.

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| 11. Section 7, 155 & 157 | Insufficient Sanitary accommodation | Fined £5 Advocates Fee £3.3.0d. Order made to provide suitable and separate accommodation within three months. |
| 12. Section 7 & 155 | Sanitary Accommodation
a. Insufficient
b. Failure to keep clean
c. Inadequate lighting | Withdrawn on payment of 10/-s. costs work carried out. |

It is disappointing to report no progress in Smoke Control Areas, the Council re-iterating their determination not to proceed with such a programme and removing from the estimates moneys earmarked for that purpose.

More satisfactory are the improvements made by industry in the reduction of grit and smoke as outlined in the following list and confirmed by yet a further reduction in grit readings in the industrial area of the town.

Improvements.

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| 1. Vertical Boiler fitted with steam jets over furnace. | 1 |
| 2. Smoke nuisance from low chimneys at dwellinghouses abated. | 2 |
| 3. Burning out paint tins stopped. | 1 |
| 4. Waste wool burning stopped. | 1 |
| 5. Burning tarred felt stopped. | 1 |

TONS PER SQUARE MILE - SOLIDS DEPOSITED DURING

THE LAST NINE YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS</u>
	<u>*OLD HILL</u>	<u>! BLACKHEATH</u>
1954	20.09	14.06
1955	17.51	14.36
1956	16.22	14.47
1957	15.94	12.99
1958	15.06	12.17
1959	15.27	12.13
1960	17.11	16.04
1961	13.51	12.96
1962	13.94	12.57

* Low-Lying Industrial Area.

! Higher Ground - Mainly Residential

1962 Month	Total Solids per sq. mile in Tons		Rainfall in inches
	Old Hill	Blackheath	
JANUARY	19.92	18.4.	2.46
FEBUARY	6.04	7.27	.75
MARCH	17.00	14.53	.71
APRIL	16.13	13.82	2.46
MAY	27.15	27.41	2.58
JUNE	8.47	9.13	.43
JULY	10.40	10.22	1.67
AUGUST	10.89	11.12	5.04
SEPTEMBER	13.77	11.44	3.54
OCTOBER	12.15	8.29	.71
NOVEMBER	13.34	8.93	1.52
DECEMBER	12.01	10.28	1.48
Monthly Average	13.94	12.57	1.95

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 Months Ended 31st December, 1962.

	Type of Property			All other (including business & industrial)	Total
	Local Auth- ority	Dwelling houses	Agricul- tural		
1. Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district.	15	15,989	4	1,575	17,583
2. No. of properties inspected by the Local Authority as a result of					
(a) notification	a 11	217	-	28	256
(b) survey under the Prevention of Damage by Pest Act, 1949	b -	142	-	2	144
(c) Otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	c -	-	-	-	-
3. No. of properties inspected (Under 2) which were found to be infested by rats	Major - Minor 11	- 233	- -	- 17	- 261
4. No. of properties inspected (under 2) which were found to be infested by mice	Minor -	59	-	12	71
5. No. of infested properties (Under 3 & 4) treated by Local Authority	11	292	-	29	332
6. No. of inspections carried out including re-inspections	50	1,382	-	92	1,524

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

(Continued)

6. No. of notices served under Sec 4:					
1. Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
2. Structural works (Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
7. No. of Block Control Schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

